



**National  
Park  
Service**

## Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Wilderness Permit Reservation Application

### TRIP LOGISTICS

In case your first choice is unavailable, list alternate entry dates and/or trails, in order of preference. List as many alternate dates and/or trailheads to which you can commit. The entry date is the date your entire party must actually start at the entry trail. **Please read other conditions on the back of this form.**

#### Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks only accept reservations for the following trails:

Alta (aka Wolverton), Atwell-Hockett, High Sierra (aka Crescent Meadow), Belle Canyon (toward Seville Lake), Bubbs Creek, Copper Creek, Eagle Lake, Farewell Gap, Franklin Pass, Garfield Grove, JO Pass, Ladybug, Lewis Creek, Middle Fork Kaweah River, Mosquito/Mineral, Paradise Ridge, Redwood Canyon, Sawtooth Pass, Sugarloaf, Tar Gap, Timber Gap, Twin Lakes, White Chief, and Woods Creek (toward Paradise Valley). **Reservations are not accepted for the Lakes Trail.** All permits for the Lakes Trail are issued on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Lodgepole Visitor Center.

#### If you plan to start on the following trails, please contact the Inyo National Forest to submit

**reservations:** Bishop Pass, Cottonwood Lakes, Cottonwood Pass, Kearsarge Pass, Mount Whitney, and Piute Pass.

Additional trails start on the Inyo National Forest that access these national parks. You may contact the Inyo National Forest by phone at 760-873-2483. Wilderness permit information can be found on their website at [www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo).

	Entry Date	Entry Trail	Exit Date	Exit Trail
1 <sup>st</sup> Choice				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice				

*(Include additional pages if necessary)*

Number of People \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Stock Animals \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a GUIDED/ORGANIZED trip? (Circle)      **YES**                      **NO**

If yes, write name of GUIDE SERVICE (e.g., Sierra Club) or ORGANIZATION (e.g., BSA Troop #30)

### MAIL OR FAX APPLICATIONS FOR WILDERNESS PERMIT RESERVATIONS

#### MAIL TO:

Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks  
Wilderness Permit Reservations  
47050 Generals Highway #60  
Three Rivers, CA 93271

#### FAX TO:

(559) 565-4239

#### FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

(559) 565-3766

Reservation applications are only accepted from **March 1 to September 10** of each calendar year by mail or fax. Applications received outside of these dates will not be processed. Applications must be received a minimum of 14 days in advance of your proposed start date. Pre-payment must accompany the application.

**Please read other conditions on the back of this form.**

### Wilderness Office Use Only

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### TRIP LEADER INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### FEES/PAYMENT

Reservations require pre-payment of the \$15.00 wilderness camping fee. Reservations are **non-refundable, non-transferable, and not for re-sale.**

Please circle the method of payment:

**Visa   MasterCard   Check   Money Order**

Make checks or money orders payable to the "National Park Service."

If paying by credit card, please provide the following:

Credit card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Wilderness Permit Reservation Instructions

## **Step 1: Fill out the application form**

Applications will be accepted by mail and fax from March 1 to September 10 of each calendar year. Applications received outside of these dates will not be processed. Applications must be received by the Wilderness Office a minimum of 14 days in advance of your proposed start date.

## **Step 2: Include pre-payment with your application form**

Applications must include pre-payment of the \$15.00 wilderness camping fee. This fee remains the same for each reservation, regardless of the group size or the trip length. Payment may be made by credit card (VISA or MC only) or by check or money order payable to the "National Park Service." The \$15.00 wilderness camping fee prepaid during the reservation process is not refundable, not transferable to other parties or future years, and not for re-sale. If you are unsuccessful in obtaining a reservation, your credit card will not be charged or your check/money order will be returned.

## **Step 3: Submit your wilderness permit reservation application**

Applications are only accepted by mail or by fax. Mail to: Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks, Wilderness Office, 47050 Generals Hwy # 60, Three Rivers, CA 93271. Fax to: (559) 565-4239. Applications will not be processed over the phone. Submit only one application per group. Duplicate applications, even from different members of the group, may result in duplicate non-refundable charges. Separate trips must be on separate applications with payment for each application.

## **Step 4: The Wilderness Office processes your application**

Application requests will be processed in the order they are received. No preference is given to one method of submission over another.

## **Step 5: The Wilderness Office confirms the status of your reservation by mail**

All requests will receive a response. Allow up to two weeks to receive your confirmation letter in the mail. The Wilderness Office, with a limited staff, receives thousands of applications each year. If you refrain from calling to check on your status until two weeks have passed since you submitted the application, you will help us process everyone's applications quicker. Please thoroughly read the confirmation letter.

## **Step 6: If necessary, make arrangements for a late pick-up of your wilderness permit**

If you will be picking up your wilderness permit after 9a.m. on the morning of your departure, you must notify the Wilderness Office by phone before the day of your trip. Reserved spots in the quota with no late pick-up arrangements will be given away on a first-come, first-serve basis to those people physically waiting in line.

## **Step 7: Bring your confirmation letter to pick up your wilderness permit at the visitor center or permit station closest to the trailhead**

Your confirmation letter is not a wilderness permit and is not sufficient for overnight travel. You must pick up your actual wilderness permit at the visitor center or permit station closest to the trailhead on the afternoon before or by 9 a.m. on the morning of departure. Your confirmation letter will specify the visitor center or permit station where you must pick up your wilderness permit and detail its usual operating hours (which are subject to change due to emergencies or staffing reductions after the Labor Day holiday). If you come prepared with your estimated itinerary, you will greatly speed up the process of issuing your wilderness permit.

## **Other Information for Reservations and Wilderness Permits Issued by Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks**

Permits are required year-round for all overnight wilderness trips. Daily entry trail quotas are in place from the Friday before Memorial Day through late September. Outside the quota period, permits are obtained on a self-issue basis at visitor centers or permit stations. Permits are not required for day hikes. The Lakes Trail is the only trail for which reservations are not accepted.

Your entire group must enter the **wilderness** on the **entry date** and **entry trail** specified in the confirmation letter. Each party must travel together throughout the trip. The maximum group size is 15 people and 20 head of stock. Parties with separate permits but sharing the same affiliation (school, church, club, scout group, family, friends, etc., or any combination thereof) may not travel or camp within ½ mile of each other if the total number of people exceeds 15.

For more wilderness information, including specific restrictions and requirements related to camping, campfires and portable bear-proof canisters, you may contact the Wilderness Office at (559) 565-3766 or visit our website at [www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/wilderness.htm](http://www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/wilderness.htm).

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